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In re Application of:

HARUO MACHIDA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/407,300

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For: SYSTEM FOR DISPLAYING  
CONNECTION CONDITION OF  
DEVICE PROVIDED ON  
NETWORK

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APPLICANTS' SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview conducted with Applicants' representative, Fritz Klantschi (Reg. No. 50,333) on October 9, 2003. Applicants' representative presented arguments along the lines of those set forth in the Amendment filed on September 2, 2003, as well as presenting additional comments with respect to independent claims 1 and 17.

With regard to claim 1, Applicants' representative noted that in U.S. Patent No. 5,317,693 (*Cuenod et al.*) the peripheral devices each have their own interface 140 which couples the peripheral devices to the host computer via a "desktop"

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communications network, and not locally to the terminal device, as recited in claim 1. Further, the Attention Message of *Cuenod et al.* is only communicated on power up and reset of each peripheral interface and that the content of that message is limited as compared to the "status" information provided on each peripheral in claim 1 of the present invention. Support for the "status" information was cited on page 17, lines 4-10, and support for the peripheral devices being locally connected was cited on page 15, lines 14-18. Also discussed during the interview was the possibility of amending claim 1 to further distinguish it from the cited art (define what is meant by "status of the peripheral device"). Applicants' representative, however, stated he would first need authorization from the Assignee before further amending that claim.

With regard to claim 17, Applicants' representative noted that the Office Action appears to equate the virtual network machine 36 of U.S. Patent No. 5,751,965 (*Mayo et al.*) with the information processing apparatus of claim 17. It was noted that the virtual network machine does not save information concerning its own functioning, rather it receives information about devices on the network. Further, the virtual network machine transfers the information it receives to a user interface 38 for display. *Mayo et al.* does not disclose when this transfers occurs, or if it is initiated by the user interface. In contrast, the information processing apparatus of claim 17 saves information about its own device, and transfers the saved information to another device (information processing apparatus) in response to a request issued from the other device. Still further, Applicants' representative noted that *Mayo et al.* does not disclose locally connected peripheral devices. In fact, it was pointed out that the Office Action in rejecting claim 1 concedes that *Mayo et al.* does not disclose the use of a peripheral locally connected.

No particular agreement was reached regarding the status of the claims.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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